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SUBJECT: EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL, JULY 24, 1979:  
REGISTRATION OF OIL TRANSACTIONS

1. THE JULY 24 EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL APPROVED THE  
FOLLOWING TEXT OF A "FRAMEWORK" REGULATION ON REGISTRATION:

BEGIN TEXT. COUNCIL REGULATION INTRODUCING REGISTRATION  
FOR CRUDE OIL AND/OR PETROLEUM PRODUCT IMPORTS INTO THE  
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

ARTICLE 1.  
ANY PERSON OR UNDERTAKING IMPORTING CRUDE OIL AND/OR  
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PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES OR FROM MEMBER  
STATES OF THE COMMUNITY SHALL BE OBLIGED TO NOTIFY THE  
MEMBER STATE CONCERNED OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF SUCH  
IMPORTS.

ARTICLE 2.  
ON THE BASIS OF THE DATA REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 1, MEMBER

STATES SHALL AT REGULAR INTERVALS FORWARD TO THE COMMISSION SUCH INFORMATION AS WILL ENABLE A TRUE PICTURE TO BE OBTAINED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE IMPORTS HAVE BEEN MADE.

THIS INFORMATION SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE MEMBER STATES.

ARTICLE 3.

THE DATA AND INFORMATION GATHERED AND DISTRIBUTED PURSUANT TO THIS REGULATION SHALL BE CONFIDENTIAL. THIS PROVISION SHALL NOT IMPEDE THE PUBLICATION OF GENERAL OR SUMMARY INFORMATION WHICH DOES NOT CONTAIN SPECIFIC DETAILS RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL UNDERTAKINGS.

ARTICLE 4.

THE IMPLEMENTING RULES BY WHICH REGISTRATION WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN THE EC OF IMPORTS OF CRUDE OIL AND/OR PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AS PROVIDED FOR IN THIS REGULATION WILL BE SET OUT IN ANOTHER COMPLEMENTARY REGULATION WHICH WILL BE APPROVED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE COMMISSION, AFTER CONSULTING MEMBER STATES, WILL DETERMINE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS REGULATION AND THE COMPLEMENTARY REGULATION REFERRED TO IN THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH. (NOTE: ARTICLE FOUR IS INFORMAL MISSION TRANSLATION FROM FRENCH. OTHER ARTICLES ARE OFFICIAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ENGLISH VERSION.)

ARTICLE 5.

THIS REGULATION SHALL EXPIRE ON 23 JULY, 1980.

THIS REGULATION SHALL BE BINDING IN ITS ENTIRETY AND DIRECTLY APPLICABLE IN ALL MEMBER STATES. END TEXT.

2. ACCORDING TO THE SPOKESMAN FOR EC ENERGY COMMISSIONER BRUNNER, THE SIMPLIFIED REGULATION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A "FRAMEWORK". SPOKESMAN SAID A FURTHER MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION WILL HAVE TO TAKE PLACE BEFORE A SECOND "IMPLEMENTING" REGULATION CONTAINING MORE DETAILS CAN BE APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL. (THIS ADDS AN ADDITIONAL, COUNCIL-LEVEL, STEP WHICH COMMISSION OFFICIALS HAD NOT EARLIER ANTICIPATED - BRUSSELS 12982.) FURTHER CONSIDERATION WILL BE IN THE "AUTUMN". (NOTE: FOREIGN MINISTERS NEXT MEET SEPTEMBER 19 AND ENERGY MINISTERS ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET OCTOBER 9.) COMMISSION SPOKESMAN AND PERMDEL OFFICIALS SAY INTERIM IS TO BE USED FOR CONTACTS WITH U.S., JAPAN AND CANADA TO ENSURE THAT WHEN EC REGISTRATION SYSTEM IS IMPLEMENTED, COMPLEMENTARY

SYSTEM WILL GO INTO EFFECT ELSEWHERE.

3. COUNCIL'S DECISION IS SUBJECT TO A U.K. "PARLIAM-  
MENTARY WAITING RESERVE" (NOTE: SUCH A RESERVE IS USUALLY  
LIFTED WITHIN A FEW DAYS) AND TO CONSULTATIONS WITH GREECE.

4. ABOVE INFORMATION IS BASED ON EARLY REPORTS. MORE  
DETAILS MAY BECOME AVAILABLE DURING THE COURSE OF THE  
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